EXHIBIT A

Page 1 Page 3 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 1 think I told you that, hey, things are looking good. I NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 2 met with these two guys. I think this is the Hyatt Park 3 bar in New York or something like that. Yeah, yeah, I) Bankruptcy Case In re:) No. 19-30088-DM 4 had drinks there. Met some great guys from this outfit PG&E CORPORATION, 5 called Centerbridge. I've got a practice where every) Chapter 11 6 time I make a bunch of money, I put it all in my kids' and) Jointly Administered 7 trust, my wife, and I get it out of my name, and I get PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC 8 hungry and then I go to work. And I have a operating COMPANY. 9 line of credit. I used to deal with something called Debtors. 10 Frost Bank, then it was Community Bank, then it was some 11 other bank called Plains Capital and then a group called ************* TELEPHONIC TOWN HALL 12 Armadillo. And about September a group called Stifel DECEMBER 8, 2019 13 contacts me. They said, we hear you got a bunch of fire **EXCERPT** 14 ******* cases. 15 16 We'd like to help you, da, da, da, da. 17 Next thing you know, I've got this huge line of credit, operating line, which we call Stifel, 18 19 but I don't know who they are, but they're nice. They 20 take me to this bar. They introduce me to a couple of 21 guys from a group called Centerbridge. Okay. Real nice 22 23 The next day I think I'm down in 2.4 South Carolina on a different case having nothing to do 25 with you. It's the one day I've cheated on you. It was Page 2 Page 4 1 MR. WATTS: Now, you guys have become my 1 a water contamination called PFAS, okay. And I'm there. friends, you really have. I want to be your caddy just 2 2 I get a call from one of these Centerbridge guys that 3 for 20 minutes, if you'll let me. And what I mean by 3 I've never met. And his name is Gavin Baiera. Never 4 that is I've been doing this for a long time. As I 4 met him. 5 joke, I used to have hair and my chin used to be up 5 He says, hey, I'd like to meet with you 6 here. I have watched people get burned. I've watched 6 about your PG&E case. 7 people get paid and lose their money. Just give me 7 I said, great. 8 20 minutes to tell you what I mean. 8 Next day I send him an e-mail. Enjoyed 9 9 Okay. No. 1, I want to disclose something our call yesterday, thanks for the heads up about your 10 to you. There are all sorts of conflicts of interest 10 participation in Wednesday's meeting in San Francisco. 11 out there that in assessing what I tell you you need to 11 He says he wants to get together with Frank Pitre, our 12 consider. One of the reasons that I come over and over 12 lawyer, Cecily Dumas, while we're all in San Francisco. 13 13 and over again and do these meetings and refuse to leave 14 until the last question is asked is I want you to trust 14 The following day there is some article I 15 me. I have to earn that trust, okay. Watch out for 15 think I've already shared with you, one of the last, 16 16 people with conflicts of interest. PG&E has rounded up \$34 and a half billion of funding, 17 Over at Camp there are all sorts of other 17 and I'm looking, I see JPMorgan Chase and Bank of 18 lawyers signing up people who have already signed up. 18 America, Barclay's, Citigroup, and Goldman Sachs, a very 19 There's all sorts of craziness going on. There's all 19 impressive group, and I notice that No. 12 is this group 2.0 20 sorts of litigation and others going on. called Centerbridge that just offered a meeting with. 21 And I want to disclose to you something 21 So my ol' BS meter goes up. I say, okay, that's all 22 that happened to me in the last 90 days, okay. And 22

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And so we meet with them the following

bonds, equity and debt. There is a group called Apollo

day. I realize this is a fight between equity and

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don't worry about it. I want to tell you about it

Okay. When we were here on the 15th, I

because it's a good example.

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Management and Elliott Management that puts up \$29.2 billion. Okay. Apollo, that's interesting.

of equity.

So I meet with this Gavin guy. It's in the Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco. He's there meeting with a guy named "Steve Stikos," a guy named "Aldu Magodi," myself. He's just out there schmoozing the deal, real good guy, trying to press the flesh on behalf

And then I see that there is some guys from Apollo there, and I realize for the first time that part of my operational line of credit that's been through this group called Stifel has been, in effect, cordoned off to Centerbridge, some to Apollo, some to so-and-so, some to so-and-so. I was, like, holy moly, okay, I know what's going on here. These guys are trying to play me, right.

So we did this deal. And I meet with them. I said, okay, well, you know, that's fine. And the next thing you know, I get introduced to Bruce Bennett and Tom Wagner. Bruce Bennett was PG&E's equities lawyer, and Tom Wagner was one of the guys trying to sell the deal. And the other guys go away, okay. So I think, okay, that's good.

So I meet Wagner. I make my own independent judgment with him. I start negotiating with

how much is in cash, how much was guaranteed, and how we do this. And I'm going to recommend to my clients. I don't care who loaned me what. Of course, they weren't even my bankruptcy. They were the people that bought it.

You know how these mortgages -- remember back in the financial crisis, you got a mortgage, you got a mortgage, you got a mortgage, they all get bottled up, sold to somebody else? Apparently, that's what's happened here.

I tell them, hold up, no dice. I said, best deal wins. So I meet with all the bond guys. Remember me telling you this last time, and I meet with these fellows. I Google them all. I get concerned about this fellow's reputation, Paul Singer. Lots of bad articles about him. The PIMCO guys were outstanding.

I host this guy Jeff Rosenthal at my box at UT. Super nice guy. But when we get him, where's your money. Okay. So I'm analyzing all the guys. I meet with their lawyer. I meet with the PIMCO guys. Where is your money? How do you get my folks the cash? So we're going back and forth, okay.

I ask them point-blank, are you sending me an RSA that says 13 and a half billion half cash/half

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him. I say, look, I forward to our meeting and discussion. So that was about six weeks ago.

I think in my last meeting, I showed you about these meetings with Knighthead. Tom Wagner. Abrams is the guy that owns part of the Raiders Stonehill deal. So I go back. Any of these guys own part of my note? I want to make sure. None of them, which is good, okay. So these are the guys I've been negotiating with.

I tell you about this dinner with all these billionaire types. Again, I go back and check, nothing to do with my note.

Then I get a call from Apollo, who does have something to do with one of my notes. Doesn't bother me, but goes, hey, I want to introduce you to a guy named Chris Lahoud. I don't know who Chris Lahoud is, but, fine.

I get on the phone. Chris Lahoud, who is -- I asked him whether it's restrictive. He starts talking about -- I said, the bondholders are the guys and I should go to the bondholder, not the equity guys. And I'm like, man, I'm getting played here.

And so I tell them, I said, look, let me be blunt. Your money is no less green than the other guy's money. All I care about is how much there is and

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stock? It comes. This is from the bondholders. The TCC should be receiving the RSA tomorrow. This is on November 17th. It says that, we never get it. Let me know when it's sent.

Lahoud calls me, and I say, did it come? This is before Thanksgiving.

He says, hey, there is a hearing in front of the Judge where the Governor's lawyer says you shouldn't go with equity. It's -- debtors going to hate it. The Judge realizes it is a flaw.

I'm here to tell you point-blank that I do believe the Governor of the State of California hates the equity deal or he hates the bondholders' deal. Both of them are spinning it, okay.

So we get to a mediation in mid November, and I'm ready to get you guys paid, right. The Governor's Office says, we need three weeks to analyze the finances of these two proposals. We'd like to get back with you on the week of December 2nd.

I'm, like, three more weeks? That's awful, da, da, da. We wait the three weeks.

We get to the end of that week. We give them the effect of veto rights, and then we go on. So that's why the deal was announced on December 6th. Could have been announced on the 15th.

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Page 9 Page 11 1 About two hours before the deadline -- and I, PHYLLIS WALTZ, a Texas Certified Shorthand Reporter, 2 Texas Certified Realtime Reporter, Louisiana Certified 2 why is that the deadline? I had given a challenge to Court Reporter, Registered Merit Reporter, Certified 3 3 the equity, I said, look, there is a lot of people that Realtime Reporter, and Certified Realtime Captioner in 4 say you don't have enough money to put this deal 5 and for the State of Texas, certify that the foregoing 5 together. We'd like you to go to Wall Street to get 6 is a correct transcription, ex post facto, to the best 7 of my ability from the audio recording of the 6 these 12 financial backstops. You promised us 5.4 8 proceedings in the above-entitled matter. 7 billion in cash. Give me 5.4 billion in backstops from 9 8 other financiers who are telling me that Wall Street 10 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, related 9 likes the deal and commits to fund it. 11 to, not employed by any of the parties to the action in 12 10 So in two weeks, the equity goes and which this deposition was taken, and further that I am 13 not financially or otherwise interested in the outcome 11 doesn't get any final on the board meeting. They get 14 12 11.6 like that. SEC rules say they can't even solicit; 15 Certified to by me this 20TH day of APR 13 they can only answer the phone. So that was impressive 16 2020. 17 14 to me. 18 15 I get a call on Friday from the equity PHYLLIS WALTZ, RMR, CRR, CRO 16 guy, says, look, the fact that we're not at 12, you held 19 Expiration Date: 12/31/20 17 the deal open for some people that want to seal the TEXAS CSR, TCRR NO. 6813 20 18 deal, if that's a problem, let me know, and I'll have Expiration Date: 12/31/21 LOUISIANA CCR NO. 2011010 19 the other 400 million raised in five minutes. All 21 Expiration Date: 12/31/20 20 right. The fact of the matter is when we signed the 22 21 deal, we had it raised in five minutes. Worldwide Court Reporters, Inc. 22 Okay. So Wall Street likes this deal with 23 Firm Certification No. 223 3000 Weslayan, Suite 235 23 equity. 24 Houston, Texas 77027 24 About an hour before it goes down, (713) 572-2000 25 everybody is leaky, lots of rumors. The bond guy says, 25 Page 10 1 hey, we did all this stuff, the Governor hates the deal, 2 da, da, da. Oh, by the way, we got an updated offer for 3 you two hours before the deadline. We're going to ask 4 for another three weeks. 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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